

LYNDON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF  
December 21, 2015

The Lyndon City Council met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2015, 7:00 p.m., at City Hall.

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

- a) City Clerk called roll of the City Council. Mayor Brandon Smith and members Chris Cole, Darby Kneisler, Bill Patterson, Doug Watson and Steve Morrison present.

City Staff present: City Attorney, Pat Walsh; Julie Stutzman, City Clerk; David Wilson, Maintenance Supervisor; Darrel Manning, Chief of Police; and Scott Culley, Operator.

Others present: Bruce Boettcher, BG Consultants, and Kelly Hurla, Osage County Herald Chronicle.

2. ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:

- a) Patterson made the motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 7, 2015 as written. Watson seconded, motion carried.
- b) Kneisler made the motion to approve the Special Meeting minutes of December 14, 2015 as written. Cole seconded, motion carried.

3. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a. Approval of Bills: Watson made the motion to approve the bills as set forth. Kneisler seconded, motion carried.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

5. CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL:

- Pledge of Securities from Lyndon State Bank as of November 30, 2015.
- Kansas Government Journal for December 2015.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. SEWER PLANT EVALUATION: Bruce Boettcher with BG Consultants met with Council to continue discussion about the plant evaluation and to answer questions that may have come up after the initial discussion from December 14. Mr. Boettcher also provided the Council with drawings of the current plant. Mayor Smith stated he is concerned about flexibility of the plant in the future and avoiding issues with the plant happening again. Mr. Boettcher stated his recommendation is to go with a new mechanical plant or a non-discharging lagoon. He stated the plant designs for the mechanical plant are based on a certain flow and if the population increases or INI becomes very high, it makes it difficult to meet permit limits. Mr. Boettcher stated with a non-discharging lagoon it would also depend on the flow and if the area is large enough for INI events such as a year with higher rainfall. He stated in

the future there will be a some type of treatment that will be able to remove nutrients to a lower level that will be passed on to the communities.

Mayor Smith asked Mr. Boettcher about a system collection rehab, the possible benefits it would have on reducing inflow and it was discussed how that would affect the new mechanical plant. Mr. Boettcher noted the plant is structurally sound given its age.

Mr. Boettcher stated there is new technology and they have begun to look at it in Kansas. He stated it looks like a wagon wheel, brings in the bio-solids which actually attaches to it, and as large storm events come through it does not wash the solids out. Mr. Boettcher stated this new technology is coming about and allowing mechanical plants to treat wastewater better.

Mr. Boettcher stated they are open to what the City wants to proceed with as far as design and stated they would discuss these options with KDHE to see what the implications are. He thinks they are close enough in the design process for KDHE to provide a definitive answer.

Cole asked if it would make the grant more favorable including infrastructure improvements along with a discharging lagoon system. Mr. Boettcher stated the City would need to get proactive and prepare a plan on how to improve the INI situation for KDHE to review. He stated the City is staying within acceptable limits in regards to the peak factor, which is approximately 4-5 at this time. Mr. Boettcher stated if the flow were at a peak factor of 10, then the City would need to make infrastructure improvements. The Maintenance Supervisor stated the improvements needed are structural fixes and there are issues with pipes being run to ditch lines and the water running into sewer mains.

Patterson asked about getting a grant writer for the project. Mr. Boettcher stated that he would help the City Clerk contact Donna Crawford by the first part of January. Mr. Boettcher stated she would need to be on board by February and start the LMI survey for CDBG funding.

After further discussion, it was consensus of the Council to have BG Consultants further research costs and options for a new mechanical plant, discharging lagoon, and a non-discharging lagoon. Mr. Boettcher concurred and stated these options would be the most cost effective to try to meet permit requirements in the future.

## 7. NEW BUSINESS:

- a) SIREN GRANT: The City Clerk stated the City purchased sirens in September and December of 2011 for \$30,619. The City was awarded a grant for the new sirens and was reimbursed seventy-five percent of the cost of the sirens in January 2012 for \$22,964. She stated the letter of intent is due to Emergency Management by January 15, 2016. After further discussion with the Maintenance Supervisor about the current condition and issues with the existing sirens, it was consensus of the Council to forgo applying for the grant and pay for repairs as they arise.

- b) FINANCIAL UPDATES: The City Clerk provided Council with fund balances as of November 30, 2015 and discussed the report with Council. She stated that due to the City not moving forward with the street project this year that some of the transfers were not done from City 1% to Capital Improvement and reviewed the transfers that were done for sidewalks and other improvements.

8. STAFF REPORTS:

- a) POLICE: The Council received a copy of the Officer Activity report for December 2015.
- b) PLANNING AND ZONING: No report.
- c) PUBLIC WORKS: No report. The Maintenance Supervisor stated he has been on vacation, but regular duties are being done.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated that he received a call from Torgenson and they are going to hold off on the project north of town until after the first of the year due to the price of pipe possibly increasing. The price quote will be sent to both Mr. Zerr and the City.

The Maintenance Supervisor stated he spoke with the Rec Director, Mr. Massey about removing screenings off the baseball diamonds at Jones Park in the next couple of days and informed Council of the work that is planning to be done.

- d) CITY CLERK: The Council received a copy of the Clerk's report. The City Clerk spoke with Superintendent Cook about setting another meeting about the Jones Park Use Agreement. She stated she sent out an email and scheduled the next meeting January 11, 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. School board member Lori Sturdy and Superintendent Cook have confirmed they are attending, however, she has not heard from Rec Director Massey. The meetings will be held at City Hall instead of the USD 421 District office.

9. COUNCIL/MAYOR COMMENTS AND REPORTS: None.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

Patterson made the motion to recess to executive session for 10 minutes for Attorney-Client Privilege. Kneisler seconded, motion carried. Council reconvened with no action taken.

- 11. ADJOURNMENT: Cole made the motion to adjourn to Monday, January 4, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. for the regular meeting. Kneisler seconded, motion carried.

*Julie Stutzman*

City Clerk